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**Notes:** Please find enclosed the following document relating to the above-cited case:

- 1) A Response D/Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.11 having 9 pages.
- 2) Notarized Certification for Japanese reference JP 2-274846 A having 1 page.
- 3) Certified translation of Japanese reference JP 2-274846 A having 11 pages.
- 4) Notarized Certification for Japanese reference JP 2-37954 A having 1 page.
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RESPONSE D/AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2006 rejecting pending claims 1,3-16, 19-22, and 29, and objecting to claims 17, 18, 23, and 24 in the above-mentioned Application, please amend this Application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.